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Re: ***NOTICE OF DISPUTED OWNERSHIP OF APPLICATIONS,  
PATENTS AND INVENTIONS***

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/619,071 Filing Date: 7/12/2003 Examiner: Peter A. Hruskoci Applicant: Spani, Wayne W. Inventor: Spani, Wayne W.	U.S. Patent No. 6,811,354 Filing Date: March 12, 2003 Issue Date: November 2, 2004 Examiner: Jong-Suk Lee Inventor: Spani, Wayne W.
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

This firm represents Wayne W. Spani with respect to pending litigation with his former employer and ownership of his inventions. Mr. Spani is currently the plaintiff in *Spani v. WPSI, Inc.*, Case No. 05CC04532, which is pending in the Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Orange (the "Action"). In the Action, Mr. Spani seeks a court declaration confirming his sole ownership of several inventions, including (1) the Multi-Phase Separation System claimed in U.S. Patent Application No. 10/619,071; (2) the Saltwater Intrusion Prevention System claimed in U.S. Patent No. 6,811,354. Specifically, Mr. Spani believes that any and all assignments of his inventions are void for substantial lack of consideration due to his former employers' failure to pay him large amounts of compensation clearly due.

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Mr. Spani respectfully requests that a copy of this letter be placed in the prosecution history files for U.S. Patent Application No. 10/619,071 and U.S. Patent No. 6,811,354 and that a copy of it be recorded by Assignment Recordation Services for the application and patent. Accordingly, a copy of this letter is being sent behind a Recordation Form Cover Sheet, with the appropriate fee, to Assignment Recordation Services.

Thank you for your prompt and professional attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Parker', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kenneth G. Parker  
of Teuton, Loewy & Parker LLP